



# The United Parish in Brookline

American Baptist • United Church of Christ • United Methodist



*Worship at common cathedral, Boston Common*

January 19, 2025

Third Sunday of Epiphany

Living the Word: Bringing Good News

Remembering the Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King Junior

Nursery care is available for children under 5 years old, upstairs in Room 203, where our professional caregivers provide activities, crafts, snacks, and a scripture-based curriculum.

During worship, children are invited to explore our 'Prayground' to the right of the worship platform. There is also a Family Room across the hall from the Prayground for those who would like a quiet place to rock or nurse. Rocking chairs are also available at the back of the Sanctuary.

Hearing devices are available from the ushers.

Scan the QR code to the right to fill out a visitor card, contribute to our offering, and more!



**Gathering Music**

*Elegy*  
by Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

Susan DeSelms  
*Minister of Music*

\*Chiming the Trinity \*means we invite you to rise in body and spirit

\*Opening Hymn

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

African American Heritage #540

TUNE: ANTHEM

## Greetings

Amy Norton-Benfield, *Associate Pastor*  
Kent French, *Senior Pastor*  
Anna Jeide-Detweiler, *Seminarian*

## Centering Prayer of Confession

Loving and compassionate God,  
to you all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hid.  
We confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in one another, in ourselves,  
and in the world you have created.  
We turn away from the harm that enslaves us,  
the harm we have done  
and the harm done on our behalf.  
Forgive us, restore and strengthen us, we pray.  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit  
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name...

## Silent Confession

*We take up to one minute to pray our own private confessions in silence.*

One: O God, in your compassion;  
All: Hear our prayer.

## \*Assurance of Grace

## \*The Peace of Christ

One: The Peace of Christ and the Love of God be with you always;  
All: And also with you.

**\*Peace Response**

*Draw the Circle Wide*  
by Mark A. Miller

Choir and Congregation

Draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. Draw the cir - cle, draw the cir-cle wide. No one stands a-lone, we'll stand side by side. Draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. Draw the cir-cle wide, draw it wid-er still. Let it be our song; no one stands a-lone. Stan-ding side by side, draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide.

**Blessing Lunches** *for common cathedral*

**Reading from the Gospel**

[Luke 4:14-30](#)

DJ Henson

One: For the Good News of Jesus Christ,  
All: Thanks be to God!

**Message**

*The Good, The Bad, and The Anointed*

Carrington Moore  
Executive Director, common cathedral  
Assistant Pastor of Discipleship  
Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Boston

words by Shirley Erena Murray; tune by Brian Mann



1. For ev - 'ry - one born a place at the ta - ble\_ for ev' - ry one born, \_clean  
 2. For all who share life a place at the ta - ble\_ re - vis - ing the roles, \_ de -  
 3. For those we ne - glect, a place at the ta - ble\_ A voice to be heard, a  
 4. For all who have breath a place at the ta - ble\_ a cov - en - ant shared, a



wa - ter and bread. A shel - ter, a space\_ a safe place for grow - ing\_  
 ci - ding the share, with wis - dom and grace, \_ de - cid - ing the pow - er, \_  
 part in the song. The hands of a child\_ in hands that are wrin - kled,  
 wel - com - ing space, a rain - bow of race\_ and gen - der and col - or, \_



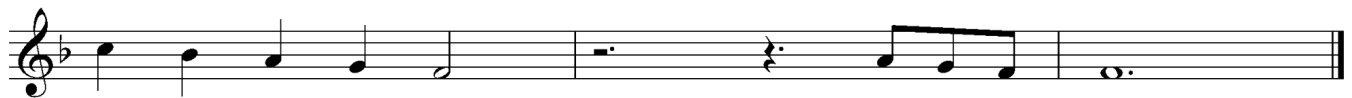
for ev - 'ry one born\_ a star\_ ov - er - head. \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ And  
 for ev - 'ry one born\_ a sys - tem that's fair. \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  
 for those we ne - glect\_ a right\_ to be - long. \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  
 for all who have breath, \_ the chal - ice of grace. \_ \_ \_ \_ \_



God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and Joy \_ \_ \_ \_ \_



com - pas - sion and peace, yes God\_ will de-light when we are cre -



a - tors of jus - tice: Jus - tice and joy.

Prayers of the People

Anna Jeide-Detweiler and Amy Norton

One: O God, hear our prayer;

All: And guide us with your love.

Lord's Prayer

We invite you to use whatever word for God you choose: Mother, Father, Allah, or...

Our Creator, who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be thy name  
 Thy kingdom come,  
 thy will be done,  
 On Earth as it is in Heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread  
 and forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive those  
 who trespass against us.  
 And lead us not into temptation,  
 But deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom,  
 and the power and the glory  
 forever and ever. Amen.

## Offering Invitation

*No gift is too small or too large; all are precious.*

Paul Quackenbush  
Usher Ministry, Growing Grandparents

*We encourage everyone to participate in passing the offering plate, as an act of our common life together.*

Ways to contribute:

1. Place cash, check, or visitor card in the offering plate.
2. Scan the QR code at right.
3. Through Venmo (@unitedparishinbrookline), Paypal (paypal.me/unitedparish), Realm (internal directory/database), or at [unitedparishbrookline.org/give](http://unitedparishbrookline.org/give).



## Offertory Anthem

*If I Can Help Somebody*  
words and music by Alma Bazel Androzzo  
arranged by André Thomas

Stefan Reed, *soloist*  
Chancel Choir

*If I can help somebody, as I pass along  
If I can cheer somebody, with a word or song  
If I can show somebody they are trav'ling wrong,  
Then my living shall not be in vain;*

*Then my living shall not be in vain;  
Then my living shall not be in vain.*

*If I can do my duty as a Christian ought;  
If I can bring back beauty to a world up wrought;  
If I can spread Love's message that the master  
taught; Then my living shall not be in vain.*

*If I can help somebody as I pass along:  
Then my living shall not be in vain.*

## \*Doxology

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

All Sing

TUNE: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Musical notation for the Doxology, consisting of four staves of music in G major and 3/2 time. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here be -  
low; Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Praise God the source of all our gifts! Praise  
Je - sus Christ whose pow'r up - lifts! Praise the Spir - it, Ho - ly  
Spi - rit! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia.

## \*Prayer of Dedication

**\*Closing Hymn**

*We Walk in Love*  
by Deanna Witkowski and Lemuel Colon

Verse 1: Choir  
Verses 2-3: All Sing



Choir 1. We walk with love u - nit - ed in pur - pose. We join our hands and  
All 2. We cry for peace and rights for all peo - ple. We wel - come friends from  
All 3. We dream a world of jus - tice and kind - ness. We build a bridge cre



lift up one voice. We speak the truth with strength and com -  
far \_\_\_\_\_ and near. We fight for those whose voic - es are  
a - ting new paths. We march with joy as all walk to -



pas - sion re - sound - ing with hope, with cour - age and joy.  
si - lenced, re - sist - ing in faith un - til all are free.  
geth - er. Em - brac - ing each one, we bold - ly stand.

**\*Holy Business**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

*Improvisation on We Shall Overcome*  
arranged by Carl Haywood

Susan DeSelms

Thank you to those serving in worship today:

Acolyte: Sachin V.

Liturgists: DJ Henson, Paul Quackenbush

Ushers: Alan Fobes, Jesse Marshall, Donna Treece, Cathy Quackenbush, Paul Quackenbush

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**Take-Home Questions**

What does the 'Good News' mean to you?

What does it mean to bring 'Good News'?

When have you received it? When have you offered it?

Where do you/we need more of it?

# WELCOME

We at the United Parish in Brookline believe that all people are made in the image of God and embrace and cherish every person and every kind of family. Jesus Christ welcomed everyone; we seek to follow his example in our own life and worship, by extending God's love and grace abundantly and equally to everyone. We affirm and welcome all people to share in worship, fellowship and leadership with us, to join us in a diversity of race, gender, sexual identity, physical and mental ability, ethnicity and economic means.

We have joined with other Open and Affirming (United Church of Christ) and Welcoming and Affirming (American Baptist Churches USA), as well as with the Reconciling Ministries Network (United Methodist Churches) to declare that we are and will remain open to all people.

We invite you to consider becoming a member of the United Parish family. You may become a member by transferring membership or by a statement of faith. If you desire to retain ties with a former church, we invite you to become an associate or affiliate member for the time you are with us.

*We ask that you silence all electronic devices.  
Please see an usher if you would like a hearing assistive device.*

*Because our building is open to the public,  
an adult should accompany children if/when they leave the worship service.*

Ministers	The People of the United Parish
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Choir Section Leader	Joseph Timmons
Choir Section Leader	Michelé Crowder
Choir Section Leader	Valentine Umeh
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Parish Administrator	Sarah Fitzpatrick
Accounting Administrator	Jim Smith
Building Manager	Rebekah Shore
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Custodian	Jesse Kieffer
Custodian	Violet Nowlan
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Nursery Staff	Anne Florient
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